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Lowton St Mary's edition

THE LOWTON & GOLBORNE TEAM MINISTRY

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For the arrangement of Baptisms & Weddings, Banns etc.

St. Luke's	Tuesday 7.00-7.30pm
St. Mary's	Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm
St. Thomas'	Monday 7.00-7.30pm

Magazine Deadlines

The Deadline for Inclusion will be the 10th of the month i.e. 10th August For September Magazine etc.

Items submitted after the deadline dates will carried over to the next magazine. Whilst we will endeavour to get items included, sometimes, due to space restrictions, they may slip a month.

Can you please submit items for inclusion in the magazine by email to barbaraarnold@live.co.uk and johnegoodland@gmail.com who will produce the joint magazine.
Thanks
(For St Luke's telephone submissions tel: Ann Glacki 01942 711489)

TEA, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP At **St. Luke's** after 10.00am Service each Wednesday

CALL AND SHAREAt **St. Luke's** 8.45 - 10.00am every Thur. A warm welcome to all.

COFFEE & CHAT Pop in for a cuppa every Thursday 8.45 to 11.45am **St. Mary's** community hall.....coffee, tea, hot buttered toast & teacakes.... All welcome.

OPEN CHURCH **St. Mary's** church is open to visitors on Monday and Friday mornings 10.00 to 11.30.

“GOOD AS NEW” shop open every Thursday at **St. Thomas's Church**.... Tea, coffee, toast, teacakes & chat. Lots of bargains..... everyone welcome.

FORGET ME NOT” CAFE 4th Saturday of each month in **Broadmead Centre, Lowton** from 10am – 12noon
Come along to join in the fellowship; meet new friends; have a bite to eat; take part in an activity. Everyone is most welcome.

Dates for your Diary - St. Mary's

Sunday 1st February

6.30pm	No Service
Mon 2nd 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Thur 5th 8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
10.00am	Holy Communion
Fri 6th 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church

Sunday 8th February

10.00am	Holy Communion and commissioning of Caroline Davidson Joint Service at St Luke's
6.30pm	No Service
Mon 9th 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Thur 12th 8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
10.00am	Morning Worship
Fri 13th 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church

Sunday 15th February

10.30am	Morning Worship
6.30pm	Holy Communion
Mon 16th 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church

Wednesday 18th February

10.00am	Morning Worship at St Luke's
6.30pm	Holy Communion at St Thomas'
Thur 19th 8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
10.00am	Morning Worship
Fri 20th 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Sat 21st 10.30am	Messy Church

Sunday 22nd February

10.30am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	No Service
Mon 23rd 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Thur 26th 8.45-11.45am	Coffee & Chat - Community Hall
10.00am	Holy Communion
Fri 27th 10.00 - 11.30am	Open Church
Sat 28th 7.30pm	Quiz Night - Community Hall

ST MARY'S OPEN CHURCH - CAN YOU HELP?

The Open Church team would be very grateful if anyone could provide cover in holiday periods and in times of illness.

This vital 'outreach' can only be provided with two people in attendance, which obviously means that if one of the team is ill we cannot open that day.

Thankfully this does not happen very often, but it would be great to know we have some backup

If you feel you could help, please have a word with Pam, Irene, Sheila or Dave.

Thank you

Dates for your Diary - St. Luke's

Sunday 1st February

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Morning Worship

Wed 4th 10.00am Morning Worship
followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship

Sunday 8th February

10.00am Holy Communion and commissioning of Caroline Davidson
Joint Service at St Luke's

Wed 11th 10.00am Holy Communion
followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship

Sunday 15th February

10.00am Holy Communion

12.00 Baptisms

Wednesday 18th

10.00am Morning Worship

followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship

6.30pm Holy Communion at St Thomas'

Sunday 22nd February

10.00am All Age Worship

Wed 25th 10.00am Holy Communion
followed by Tea, Coffee and fellowship

Dates for your Diary - St Thomas'

Sunday 1st February	Presentation of Christ in the Temple
10.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs 5th 9.15am	Holy Communion followed by 'Good as New Shop'
11.00am	"Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter" group
Sunday 8th February	
10.00am	Holy Communion and commissioning of Caroline Davidson Joint Service at St Luke's
Thurs 12th 9.30am	Morning Worship followed by 'Good as New Shop'
11.00am	"Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter" group
Sunday 15th February	
10.30am	Morning Worship
Wednesday 18th	Ash Wednesday
10.00am	Morning Worship at St Luke's
6.30pm	Holy Communion at St Thomas'
Thurs 19th 9.30am	Holy Communion followed by 'Good as New Shop'
11.00am	"Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter" group
Sunday 22nd February	
10.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs 26th 9.15am	Morning Worship followed by 'Good as New Shop'
11.00am	"Knit & Natter, Craft & Chatter" group

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Sankey & Monks

Knox & Son

Walter Brown Printers

Christmas Social Night: A Joyful Evening of Fellowship

Our annual Christmas Social Night was a wonderful celebration of community, bringing together members of all ages for an evening filled with joy, laughter, and the true spirit of Christmas.

The hall was alive with festive music and cheerful conversation. There was also the ever popular tombola and raffle prizes. The evening also comprised of a variety of games for children, adults and seniors alike.

The sound of Christmas music added to the atmosphere, we were fortunate to have Gordon Kenny join us again providing well known songs with many singing along.

The evening included buffet food which was enjoyed by all.

The church social continues to be a fantastic event which brings people together in fellowship.

We are thankful to everyone who helped organise the evening and to all who attended.



Derian House Children's Hospice

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's chosen Christmas charity, Derian House. We are sure our donation will go a little way to help them to continue their wonderful work. The total raised was £320.00.

Growing God's Church Team

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Quiz Night

28th February

Mothers' UNION

First of all, just a little catch up from December. We had been invited to take part in St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival, to decorate a tree and spread the word about Mother's Union. Each year MU has a Diocesan Christmas Appeal, in the past we've supported various worthwhile causes, most recently students at Hope University who for whatever reason cannot go home at this festive time of year. In 2025 we worked with Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool and in particular with the Cancer Wards ; 1day ward, 1cancer ward and 1 Teenage Hub ward. They asked if we could help with decorations for the unit, their theme was Gingerbread and Candy Sticks in a red and white colour. So bags of decorations were collected, all new and boxed so that they were as germ free as possible. We were also able to provide a small gift bag of goodies for every member of staff on the department. Alder Hey were very grateful and sent photos of the decorated ward. So, I thought that we would replicate the theme for our Christmas Tree Festival and let people know about one of our MU Projects. A small group of us spent a lovely morning in December decorating our tree with donated baubles, lights, Candy Sticks, Gingerbread biscuits and crocheted Gingerbread People. It was a sight to behold when we had finished and we were able to leave it on display throughout the Christmas season, it received many compliments. Thanks to all who donated and decorated.



At the beginning of this year I thought it would be good to catch up with our local project, supporting HSP LEIGH (Helping Support People) based in Charles Street. Throughout 2025 they served over 12,000 meals , although not a night shelter they provide 2 meals a day Monday to Friday and during Winter months soup and sandwiches at the weekend. They also offer comfort, dignity and help when it's needed most, giving time and compassion and they have a willingness to care. Now they can offer access to vital health services, provide rooms that allow dignity, confidentiality and respect for outreach and support

workers to come and help the most vulnerable in our society. At Christmas 45 people enjoyed Christmas Dinner and everyone left with a shoebox of gifts and a selection box.

It is a continuous struggle to fund the project, they work closely with Wigan Council and some local businesses and companies provide generous donations and practical support. Recently The Florence Foundation awarded a grant of £9,380 to help towards food and running costs.

In December Chelsea from Leigh PCN provided a new service of carrying out height weight and blood pressure checks which will continue on a monthly basis as well as free flu jabs. Although our donations of toiletries, tins of soup, occasional sweet treats as well as cakes for the staff appear to be a drop in the ocean, Lynn and Team always acknowledge our gifts and value our contributions. Here is the Team with their smart van.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th February. St Luke's Church, 730pm. "Mindful Reflections ". An illustrated presentation by Revd Janet Heighton. She is vicar at Rainford Parish Church and a keen amateur photographer. Please make every effort to come along - and bring a friend, you will not be disappointed!

Pam

Date Change - Car Boot 11th April 9th May

Due to major refurbishment of the Community Hall

LOCAL MISSIONAL OUTREACH AT ST. LUKE'S

Happy New Year to you from all of us at St. Luke's! Following on from an exciting time in December with the Advent Tree Festival, Wreath making, Carol service and hugely popular Crib service, we have something new and exciting for 2026.

Firstly, it's an exciting year for me personally as I look forward to my licensing as a Local Missional Lead for St. Luke's in February. This represents the culmination of months of prayer and discernment of God's call and direction for my lay ministry. It will be an additional role to my current role as a Reader and will initially take the form of leading a new mission-focused worshipping community at St. Luke's. Looking at fresh ways of sharing the message of God's love for everyone in a way that is accessible to the new generation of people exploring church.

The new worshipping community will be meeting as a Café Church based in St. Luke's. Initially this will be on a Saturday morning on the second weekend of the month. The worship will be focused around the sharing of a simple breakfast while exploring God's word through activities, a reading from the Bible, singing and a short message delivered on the theme. The plan is that it will be suitable for all ages and offer an alternative to our already popular "Worship for Everyone" on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Alongside me there is a team of lovely volunteers helping to deliver this vision. The volunteers come from a broad spectrum of the congregation and represent all ages. If you feel that God is calling you to be a part of this new venture, then I would love to hear from you to give you more information. In the meantime, would you please pray for me and my team as we step out in faith on this journey to which the Lord has called us.

Caroline x

Church Magazine

If anyone would like to receive the magazine by email please contact me at johnegoodland@gmail.com and I will send you a .pdf each month.

Sultana and Peanut Bars

Ingredients

6oz Butter

2oz Demerara sugar

4oz Clear honey

8oz Rolled oats

4oz Mixed sultanas and peanuts,
coarsely chopped



Method

Grease a Swiss roll tin (13 x 9)

Put butter, sugar and honey into a large pan and stir over a low heat until melted and the sugar is dissolved. Stir in the sultanas, peanuts and oats.

Spread mixture into the prepared tin. Bake in the oven for 20 minutes, until golden brown, then mark into bars: 3 lengthways and 10 widthways,

and leave in tin until completely cold. Re-cut and remove from tin carefully.

Oven 200°C/400°F. Gas mark 6.

Flowers at St Mary's

1st Feb In memory of Mrs J Jones

8th Feb Mrs Pat Fearnly

15th Feb Mr E (Carol) Leigh

22nd Feb In memory of Mrs M Derbyshire

1st Mar Mr Rob Gore

From St. Luke's Registers

Baptisms

22nd December Doreen Marsh

From St. Thomas' Registers

Funerals

5th January Roland Kenyon
9th January Fred Burchall

Burial of Ashes

14th December Finlay Byrne
29th December Berry Johnson

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Carl Hogg

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Hoyles Cleaning Services

Ashton Upholstery

CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

St. Luke's

Mothers' Union
Knit & Natter

2nd Wed of the month 7.30pm in St. Luke's Church
2nd & 4th Friday 2.00pm-4.00pm in St. Luke's Vestry

St. Mary's

Choir
Messy Church

Thursday 7.30pm
3rd Saturday of the month 10.30 – 12.30pm
(Co-ordinator: Sharon Goodland 07847 998758)

Weekly Events in the Community Hall

Tuesday	9.00 – 11.00 am	Mum's & Toddlers
Tuesday	1.00 - 2.00pm	Strength & Balance Class
Wednesday	10.30 – 11.30 am	Tai Chi for Health
Thursday	8.45 – 11.45am	Coffee & Chat

St. Mary's Uniformed Organisations

Beavers Wednesday 6.00-7.00pm
Cubs Thursday 7.15-8.30pm
Scouts Tuesday 7.00-9.00pm
(All enquiries contact Pauline Ross 07931 872564)

Rainbows Monday 6.00 – 7.00pm
Brownies Wednesday & Thursday 6.15-7.45pm
Guides Monday 7.15 - 8.30pm

St. Thomas'

Good as New Shop Thursday 10.00 – 12.00noon
Craft Group Thursday 11.00 – 1.00pm
Sunday Club Each Sunday from 10.30am
Kitchen Club 2nd & 4th Mondays 12 midday – 1.00pm in Church

St. Thomas' Uniformed Organisations

Beavers Mon 6.00-7.00pm Fiona
Cubs Weds 7.00-8.15pm Keri
Scouts Thurs 7.00-8.30pm Adam
Explorers Thurs 7.30-9.30pm John

All enquiries please go to 1stGolborne@gmail.com 07596 969462

Brownies & Guides

To register your daughter for any of the Guiding sections above that meet at the scout & guide headquarters on Cottesmore way, please go online to:
www.girlguiding.org.uk/informationforparents/registister-your-daughter.